GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:331
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TESTING OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to further examine the medicines already procured under the schemes being executed with the assistance from the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of companies blacklisted after conducting inquiries in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the measures taken by the government to prevent recurrence of such irregularities in future; and

(e) the details of the review of the system conducted during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 331 FOR 21ST MARCH, 2007

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has decided in consultation with the World Bank to conduct a review of the quality and quantity of pharmaceuticals and medical goods supplied under the Bank financed health sector projects.

Ministry is currently in the process of appointing a suitable consultancy firm to carry out this review. Action against companies/ others shall be taken after the results of the review are available and irregularities are reported.

In order to strengthen the procurement process, the Ministry has set up a separate Empowered Procurement Wing (EPW) to consolidate, streamline and strengthen the procurement function. The wing also aims at inter-alia building adequate capacities for procurement both in the Centre and the States.